

Minutes
Partners Meeting
August 9, 2011 12:00

Roll Call:

Bitterroot – Nansu Roddy
Drummond – Jodie Oberweiser
FCL – Kim Crowley, Patti Jones
Glendive Public Library – absent
HFL – absent
LCL – Sami Pierson, Anna Doyle
Mineral – Guna Chaberek
Miles City Public Library – Sonja Woods, Hannah Nash
Miles City Community College – Ann Rutherford
Missoula Public Library – Honore Bray, Elizabeth Jonkel
North Lake (Polson) – Marilyn Trosper
NVPL – Sheryl Benskin
Rosebud/BLC – Mary Kay Bullard, Cheryl Heser

Guests:

MSC – Melody Condron, Amy Marchwick, Sarah McHugh, Ken Adams
Whitefish CL – Joey Kositzky, Mary Vale

Approval of June 24, 2011 minutes:

Kim Crowley (FCL) offered a reworded sentence, replacing: “Branches opened by a Partners library are automatically added to Partners because they are a part of a Partner, not a new institution.” with: “Branches opened by a current Partner library will automatically become a member of Partners.”

She also noted a typo of “an/and.”

Jodie Oberweiser (Drummond) moved to accept the minutes as corrected.

Cheryl Heser (Rosebud) seconded the motion.

Minutes approved as corrected.

MSC Training:

Condron (MSC) announced new training sessions to be held at Missoula on Director’s Station/Workflows reports and at Fall Workshop on Cataloging 101 and Advanced Cataloging.

MSC is looking for suggestions for the October 6 training sessions.

October 23-25 there will be several new members entering and refresher training will be offered in Columbus, Baker, and Lolo.

Ken Adams (MSC) reported that the persistent login problem has been turned off.

Courier & Delivery:

Melody Condron (MSC) emailed out the holds delivery matrix late last week. Sami Pierson (LCL) will resend it. Melody Condron (MSC) asks that all Partners review the

matrix for their libraries and their place in other libraries' matrices to make sure it will work.

Cheryl Heser (Rosebud) asked for the official starting date for the \$8.50 charge. Kim Crowley (FCL) spoke with Jenny in Billings and reported September 1. Marilyn Trosper (N. Lake) asked that libraries maintain consistency. Hannah Nash (MCPL) suggested that the Partners ask the bus company to communicate directly with either the president or official contact for the Partners group. Melody Condrón (MSC) advised that the Partners should set up a contract with Rimrock, asking for a 30 day notice of price changes. Sarah McHugh (MSC) added that any contract should allow an escape clause for the Partners, with 30 day notice.

Honore Bray (MSLA) brought forward a request by other libraries to join the bus service and use Partners hubs.

After discussion, it was decided that getting the contract with Rimrock sorted out is the priority, but it will be something to consider.

Honore Bray (MSLA) reported that the Executive Committee will be looking into alternative courier systems as well.

Kim Crowley (FCL) and Sarah McHugh (MSC) will be for Partners in the discussion with Rimrock and will report back on the price question as soon as they get in contact with the Rimrock representative. They will put out a call if they need help or advice.

WCL entry to Partners:

Sami Pierson (LCL) has gone through the checklist with WCL and while transportation is still being organized, they are nearly ready. Joey Kositzky (WCL) says that they are not considering floating collections at this time.

Melody Condrón (MSC) put WCL tentatively into the delivery matrix that was sent out last week.

Asked if there were any other concerns, several libraries expressed discomfort with the legal proceedings between the Whitefish Library Association and FCL, but agreed that it would not affect their consideration of WCL's entry into Partners.

Hannah Nash (MCPL) and Honore Bray (MSLA) expressed a general worry about negativity.

Sami Pierson (LCL), Honore Bray (MSLA), Sarah McHugh (MSC) observed that the new checklist will provide clearer expectations and policies for potential Partners.

Sami Pierson (LCL) will send out WCL's checklist for review by Partners on Wednesday, and asks that everyone cast their votes on WCL's entry into Partners by the end of Thursday in the Surveymonkey that Ken Adams (MSC) will set up. Results will be published on Friday, then WCL and MSC will plan the schedule for setup and going live. Tentative dates are September 1, with September 13 as a backup date if there are conflicts.

Meeting Adjourned:

Next meeting will be October 6, 10:30 a.m. at the live meeting in Bozeman. Bozeman Public Library small meeting room.